Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Are the provisions of Chapter III of the Factories Regulation of 1089 being strictly enforced ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes, as far as possible.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: By whom ? Have the Government appointed Factories Inspectors ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The District Magistrates are ex-officio Factory Inspectors.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Am I to take it that the District Magistrates are enforcing these rules ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: They are supposed to do it.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I ask whether the process of extracting cashewnuts, from the shell, is not injurious to the health of the labourers who do it ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It is given in the answer, Sir. Their skin gets discoloured.

President: And cocoanut oil is applied as a remedy.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether by applying cocoanut oil, the injuries can be removed ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: That seems to be their experience.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I ask whether the Public Health Director or any of the medical officers of Government, ever visited these factories and examined these employees ; and if so, what is the report of such officers ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I claim notice.

Amount paid outside the State from the State Revenues as pensions and salaries.

126. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how much money is paid out of Travancore revenues outside the State as pensions and salaries ; and

(*c*) whether any income-tax is levied on them ; and, if not, why ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:

(*a*) Pensions—B. Rs. 16,523-15-2.
Salaries—S. Rs. 12,215-22-0. } per year.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative except in the case of pensions paid in the United Kingdom which are exempt from payment of tax under G. O. R. O. C. No. 655/24/Revenue, dated 26th April 1924.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the overseas allowance of these officers is included in their salaries, for purposes of income-tax ?

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Rao Bahadur Dr. N Kunjan Pillai : Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Then may I know the reason for exempting these officers from the payment of income-tax ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : In the case of retired officers who reside outside India after retirement, their pension is subject to income-tax under the laws of the country where they reside.

Pay of clerks under the Standardisation Scheme.

127. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many grades of pay have been allowed under the Standardisation Scheme for the clerks in the various departments of the State ;

(*b*) whether, after the introduction of the Standardisation Scheme, clerks are given personal pay ; if so, how many and why they are given ;

(*c*) whether there are any rules for absorbing these clerks who draw personal pay in the higher grades whenever vacancies occur there ;

(*d*) how many clerks having personal pay have been absorbed in the higher grades ; and

(*e*) whether there are any instances, in any department of the State where clerks from lower grades have been promoted to the higher grades when there are clerks drawing personal pay already in service ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Five Grades,

(*b*) Yes, Clerks are given personal pay so as to fit them against the standardised scales of pay. Information about the number of clerks getting personal scales of pay in the standardisation has been called for from Heads of Departments.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) and (*e*) The information has been called for.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : With regard to part (*c*), may I know how long these clerks are to be given personal pay ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Till vacancies, suitable for their absorption, arise.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Is it a fact that while these clerks were acting on personal pay, others below them were promoted to higher posts, although they had no permanent pay ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Yes, as provided for under the rules.

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